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No more free rides for cabinet

Crash spurs province to take back leased cars from ministers

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

The days of using government-leased vehicles for ice cream runs – or any kind of runs, for that matter – are coming to an end.

Premier Rodney MacDonald yes-

terday announced that cabinet ministers will no longer have the option of driving government-leased cars.

"This ensures that there is clarity on the issue," he said.

Ministers who currently have government-leased cars will be required to turn them in over the next couple of months and buy their own vehicles, whether the lease is up or not.

This comes on the heels of controversy surrounding Community Services Minister Judy Streach's vehicle,

new vehicle options

» Ministers can now choose between a taxable \$700 monthly allowance, which also includes a gas card, or be reimbursed for mileage – around 40.5 cents a kilometre.

which her teenaged son crashed last weekend. He was on his way to the corner store Saturday night in the Ford Escape SUV hybrid to pick up ice cream when he swerved into a ditch. There were no injuries.

Ministers close to the end of their leases will get to keep them till the end, but others, like the premier himself whose lease will be up next year, will have to say goodbye to their wheels. Those cars will go into the government fleet.

Cabinet ministers, the premier and leaders of the opposition previously had three options for vehicles – charging mileage, a monthly allowance and gas card, or a government lease.

Community Services Minister

Judy Streach said Tuesday she regretted the decision to let her 17-year-old use the government vehicle, and she and her son would together pay for any damages to the car, not the taxpayers.

She said she misunderstood the government policy around the use of the vehicle and gave her son Jordan permission to drive it.

Streach yesterday offered apologies for the outcome of the incident.

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Jones unhappy with Walters' new book



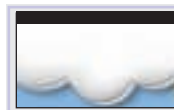
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No way, Norway

Canada's Dany Heatley celebrates the game-winning goal by teammate Rick Nash with only 3:58 remaining in a 2-1 victory over Norway last night at the IIHF world hockey championship at the Metro Centre. Canada, unbeaten at 4-0, plays Germany tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. Story, page 14.

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Ministers' vehicles and the cost to taxpayers

The following is a list of ministers with government-leased vehicles and their monthly payments:

Community Services Minister Judy Streatch	2008 Ford Escape Hybrid	\$793.30/month +tax
Tourism, Culture and Heritage Minister Bill Dooks	2007 Ford Escape Hybrid	\$792.55/month +tax
Education Minister Karen Casey	2004 Ford Explorer	\$781.73/month +tax
Finance Minister Michael Baker	2005 Ford Freestyle	\$753.23/month +tax
Public Service Minister Carolyn Bolivar-Getson	2008 Toyota Highlander Hybrid	\$709.35/month +tax
Premier Rodney MacDonald	2007 Toyota Camry	\$692.94/month +tax
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Immigration Minister Len Goucher	2005 Ford Explorer	\$598.73/month +tax
Environment Minister Mark Parent	2006 Honda Accord	\$589.39/month +tax
Health Promotion and Protection Minister Barry Barnett	2005 Honda Accord	\$507/month +tax
Agriculture Minister Brooke Taylor	2006 Chevrolet Impala	\$467.99/month +tax

*The remaining ministers use their own vehicles and either claim mileage or receive a car allowance of \$700 per month plus a gas card.

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Pro-life and pro-choice advocates rallied in front of the Legislature yesterday morning. Among the protesters, were several members of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League.

Both sides rally over unborn act

Pro-choice and pro-life advocates voice viewpoints

By LINDSEY KEILTY
for Metro Halifax

More than 100 pro-choice and pro-life advocates demonstrated in front of the Nova Scotia legislature to air their views on a federal bill.

Labelled the "Unborn Victims of Crime Act," Bill C-484 would allow homicide charges to be laid in the death of a fetus when a pregnant woman is attacked.

Susan LeForte, an advocate

with the Halifax Coalition for Choice, argues the legislation is a step backward in a woman's right to control her own body.

"They're taking away women's rights in a backdoor way. So, if a woman has an abortion, what's stopping the one who performs the abortion and the woman herself to be subject to criminal charges?" LeForte said.

Ellen Chesal, with the Campaign Life Coalition, says her group is concerned with the wider issue.

"We are memorializing an event — it was 39 years ago in May that the abortion law

« *They're taking away women's rights in a backdoor way.* »

Susan LeForte,
Halifax Coalition for Choice

was struck down by the Trudeau government," Chesal said. "We are here to challenge the government because it is our tax dollars that are paying for these abortions, and with the shortage of workers and schools closing, abortion is killing our future."

Both sides chanted and waved signs, but there was no physical confrontation.

Early learning course to save \$314,000

The Early Learning Opportunities Program will save the Halifax regional school board about \$314,000.

The board announced this week it's replacing the long-standing Four-Plus program with a new program, aimed at three- and four-year-olds, to reflect the province's change to the entry age for Grade Primary.

Seven early childhood educators, instead of teachers, will be employed in the program. The previous program cost \$681,000, so the board

is saving about half.

An additional adult will also be in the classrooms of up to 18 students, making the child-adult ratio one to nine, the same as it was for Four-Plus.

Provincial regulations for daycares require a one to eight ratio for staff and children between age three and five.

Schools and hospitals are exempt from daycare act

and therefore do not have to observe the ratios, says Halifax regional school board spokesman Doug Hadley.

salary

» Early childhood educators are paid about \$34,400, according to the Halifax regional school board.

Cathy Mutch, who operates Crystal Day Nursery in Dartmouth, says that seems a bit high.

"There's going to be some issues as to how ready it's really going to make them for school," she said.

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Gliding into the future

Underwater device
an efficient option
for collecting data

By RACHEL BOOMER
Metro Halifax

Nova Scotian Joshua Slocum was the first person to sail alone around the world. Now, an unmanned underwater glider bearing his name offers hope that some marine and weather data can be done by remote control.

The two-metre glider

began a 2,600-kilometre trip from New Jersey to Halifax on March 7. Travelling at a leisurely one-knot speed, it dove up to the surface, then down again every two hours.

It arrived in Halifax on April 28, after hitching a ride on the Gulf Stream and meandering across the Scotian Shelf. Throughout the trip, Dalhousie University oceanography professor Marlon

Lewis, whose company, Satlantic, provides the research sensors on the glider, was keeping track of the glider's progress by satellite.

Marlon Lewis,
Dalhousie oceanography professor

watching its progress every day," Lewis said.

Sensors aboard the glider collected information on marine temperatures, organic compounds in the water and the like. For this

trip — the longest the glider has ever done — fewer sensors were active because the research team was trying to save battery power.

Lewis said the glider could be used to do some of the research now done by larger, manned ships, which cost \$30,000 a day to operate.

Dalhousie University plans to buy three of the gliders for research purposes, Lewis said. The gliders cost about \$100,000 each.

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Atlantic premiers to meet

All four Atlantic premiers will gather for a one-day conference in Fredericton today, hosted by New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham.

Premier Rodney MacDonald said they will discuss issues that are important to Atlantic Canadians such as the Atlantic Gateway, immigration, health promotion and wellness in their provinces and promoting the region from an economic standpoint.

They will also discuss the use of the hydro goldmine of Lower Churchill Falls in Newfoundland and Labrador.

"The Minister of Energy went to Newfoundland with Nova Scotia Power because we saw the merits of having an additional power source coming in to Nova Scotia both from a cost perspective and a reliability standpoint," MacDonald said yesterday at the legislature.

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Public Gardens **Webbed wonders**



Brothers Luke Wilson, 4, and Charlie Wilson, 2, admire the ducks at the Halifax Public Gardens yesterday. The historic gardens opened to the public for the first time this year.

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Meeting chaos upsets Casey

Education minister disappointed with
Strait school board

Education Minister Karen Casey yesterday voiced her disappointment in the Strait Regional School Board after a public meeting Wednesday night turned into chaos.

The Cape Breton Post reported that Mike Brown, the

«I'm not prepared
to allow that kind of
behaviour to be part of
our board structure.»

Education Minister Karen Casey

member from Antigonish, got into a verbal confrontation with another member which ended in the board chair telling him he might have to leave.

"I'll leave, how's that?" Brown said, getting up from his chair. "This is bulls__t."

Casey, who dismantled the Halifax Regional School Board last year for infighting, said she was disturbed by reports of this meeting.

"I'm not prepared to allow that kind of behaviour to be part of our board structure," she said.

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Children's elective surgeries cancelled

Children's elective surgeries at the IWK Health Centre are cancelled again today because of asbestos in the ductwork of the operating room.

The surgeries were also cancelled Wednesday and yesterday following the discovery of a white substance.

If further cancellations need to be made, the hospital

said in a news release it will contact patients and families to rebook.

The hospital says it's continuing to test the air and has found no evidence of asbestos in the air in the operating suites. It says the operating room has been isolated and will remain closed until the issue is dealt with.

A team of environmental specialists stepped in to assist getting the operating room running as soon as possible.

The hospital says emergency pediatric surgeries will take place in the women's operating rooms. So far, one has taken place Wednesday night.

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» **BEAR SHOT** Provincial wildlife officers killed a mother bear and released her three cubs into the wild after the family was found raiding compost and garbage bins in the Kingswood area. CBC reported that on Wednesday a dog chased the bears, who were regulars around the area, up a tree. When residents called for help, a wildlife officer shot the bears with tranquilizer guns. Officials say residents should keep garbage and compost inside, or in bear-proof containers.

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internet phones

VOIP users warned about 911 calls

EMERGENCY The province's Emergency Management Office is warning Nova Scotians to be cautious when using Internet-based phone services or VOIP, for emergency calls to 9-1-1.

Some of these services send 9-1-1 calls to a national emergency call centre first. A child in Calgary recently died because of this when emergency services didn't reach the location in time. **METRO HALIFAX**

Legal declaration fixes nothing, Dingwall says

David Dingwall is warning against relying on a legal action to solve the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's differences with the provincial government.

Dingwall, who has joined a Sydney law firm now that his days as a federal cabinet minister are over, said many local residents believe the legal action is about getting \$20 million per year, backdated to 1995, the year when the regional municipality was created. But the remedy sought by

the regional municipality was a legal declaration, he told a Sydney and Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting.

"Even if they had won in the Supreme Court, they only would have won a legal declaration. No money, not a cent," he said.

Last month, a Nova Scotia Supreme Court justice tossed out the regional municipality's legal action, which accused the provincial government of underfunding.

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Firefighter Nadya-Lyse Pare, 41, was promoted to head of the Chezzetcook fire station Wednesday. She's one of only 20 female firefighters in the Halifax Regional Fire Department.

Firefighter breaks barrier

First woman promoted to run a fire station

By LINDSEY KEILTY for Metro Halifax

Nadya-Lyse Pare has a bigger pair of steel-toed boots to fill.

Wednesday night, the 41-year-old became the first woman in HRM to be promoted to the role of career operational officer.

"Before, I was a fire-

fighter, and now I'll run a fire station," said Pare, who will be in charge of station 23 in Chezzetcook. "It's a very proud moment for me."

She was among 30 firefighters promoted that night.

"I am honoured to stand beside these men and women that have proven they have what it takes to move up in the ranks of our fire department," fire chief Bill Mosher said in a release.

Pare is one of only 20 women among the 456 full-

time firefighters working in HRM. She's been a member of the department for 14 years, beginning as a firefighter and rising through the ranks, including working as an engineer.

Mosher says this is an important milestone for HRM because it demonstrates women can succeed in a traditionally male-dominated profession. He also hopes other women will recognize that brute strength is not a requirement to fight fires, and apply to the force

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» **TRIAL** After several delays, former Halifax Regional School Board member Peggy Draper will go to trial for fraud and theft-related charges on Jan. 12, 2009. Draper's lawyer, John Nwafor, was not present in Halifax Supreme Court yesterday. Draper was charged with 19 fraud and theft-related charges in 2006 year, not long after she was ousted from the school board for missing too many meetings.

» **STABBING** The teen accused with attempted murder following the stabbing of four Source Security guards last

summer will go to trial on Oct. 24 in Halifax Supreme Court. The stabbings took place on Aug. 24, in the parking lot of the Halifax Forum during a privately organized back-to-school dance. Among the victims was former Newfoundland premier Brian Tobin's son, Jack.

» **CONTRACT** Staff at the North End Day Care have voted 93 per cent to turn down its management's last offer: a 2.5 per cent wage increase spread over three years. Their contract expired Oct. 31, 2006.

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legal

Murder trial set for March 2009

COURT Cory Wright, the man charged with first-degree murder in the death of 28-year-old sailor Damon Crooks, will go to trial on March 30, 2009, in Halifax Supreme Court. Crooks, a sailor aboard visiting U.S. warship USS Doyle, was killed in a brawl outside the Rain nightclub Nov. 4, 2006.

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A day after she was fired for giving away a single Timbit to a child, Nicole Lilliman, left, a Tim Hortons employee in London, Ont., has been given her job back after a brief media uproar.

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» **POVERTY** Liberal MP John McKay's long attempt to force the government to ensure that Canada's foreign aid is targeted directly at reducing poverty is about to pay off. McKay's private member's bill requiring the Canadian International Development Agency to give priority to the perspective of the world's poor is expected to receive

final approval in the House of Commons today.

» **GITMO** A Guantanamo war court judge threatened yesterday to halt the case of Omar Khadr, captured at age 15, if the U.S. government fails to turn over records of his detention. The judge ordered prosecutors to give a daily prison-camp log to his military attorney after mistreatment

accusations were made.

» **DRUGS** A record 3.7 tonnes of an illegal chemical used in making ecstasy has been seized in Vancouver by the Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP. The amount was enough to make 30 million doses of ecstasy, RCMP said in a statement released yesterday.

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Handing over the keys

Insurers nervous over aging driver population

It's the difficult conversation more families will be having in the next 20 years: When should mom or dad hang up the car keys?

Next to teenagers, senior citizens account for the most traffic fatalities in the country and with senior citizen population set to more than double and people aged over

drivers over 80

» Ontario requires a written test every two years once a driver turns 80 — the most rigorous such rule in the country.

80 tripling, the insurance industry, health-care providers and police are warning that the province has to find better ways of assessing when the elderly are no longer fit to drive.

Canadians between 55 and

70 years old actually have the lowest car collision rate of any age group. But those 65 and older have the second-highest proportion of road deaths, at 16 per cent, in part because they tend to be frailer. Once people reach 75 they tend to have more medical conditions, such as dementia or mobility loss, that affect their driving, said Mark Yakabuski, president of the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

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Governor General Transatlantic voyage



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Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean waves as she bids farewell to the crews of the Grande Traversee flotilla in La Rochelle, France, yesterday. The crews will set sail from La Rochelle on their transatlantic voyage to Québec City.

PM promises to support Israelis

Says those who threaten Israel threaten Canada

Prime Minister Stephen Harper last night said those who threaten Israel "also threaten Canada."

In a speech to mark the 60th anniversary of the Jewish state, Harper said his government recognizes Israel is threatened by groups that deny its right to exist.

To cheers, the PM said he is looking forward to his June trip to Israel, made more pressing by his recent

visit to the World War II death camp of Auschwitz in Poland.

Canada stands with Israel, he stressed, because World War II showed "hate-filled bigotry against some is ultimately a threat to us all, and must be resisted wherever it may occur."

« (Canada stands with Israel because the Second World War showed) hate-filled bigotry against some is ultimately a threat to us all, and must be resisted wherever it may occur. »

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

pray that someday freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law will be a reality for all the peoples of the Middle East."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bernier under fire over ex

Foreign Minister Maxime Bernier faced pressure to quit yesterday, as the opposition questioned his judgment and charged he had had a relationship with a woman who once had ties to organized crime.



Bernier

"As head of Canada's diplomatic corps ... how can he explain that a relationship with a person who had ties with organized crime would be without consequence?" deputy Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff asked.

Court documents from a 2003 trial say the woman, who accompanied Bernier to his swearing-in ceremony last August, had been married to a man who had belonged to a puppet gang of the Hells Angels.

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Eschewing the glamour and media glare of a White House wedding, Jenna Bush will marry the son of a Virginia politician, Henry Hager, at a private ceremony with family and friends at her father U.S. President George W. Bush's Texas ranch tomorrow night. **REUTERS**

Suspect arrested

U.S. officials arrested a suspected pedophile yesterday, less than 48 hours after Interpol launched a worldwide search for the man by publishing photos of him on the Internet, the global police body said.

It was Interpol's second public appeal to identify a suspected child sex predator after its first such campaign last year led to the arrest and trial of a Canadian in Thailand.



Corliss

Interpol had posted pictures of a white-haired, balding man on its website on Tuesday, saying they were part of a series that showed him sexually abusing boys aged between six and 10 in south-east Asia.

In a statement on its website yesterday, Interpol named the suspect as Wayne Nelson Corliss, 59, from Union City, New Jersey. **REUTERS**

Israel marks 60th birthday

Palestinians mourn, Israelis celebrate

Israel celebrated its 60th birthday with barbecues and military displays yesterday, but the party was marred by an investigation that could unseat the prime minister and derail efforts toward a peace it has never known.

Blue-on-white Star of David flags fluttered from cars and balconies, fighter planes traced "60" in smoke trails across the sky, paratroopers dropped into the sea and a televised youth Bible quiz highlighted the place Jewish faith holds in a state mainly founded by secular Zionists.

War or the threat of it has clouded every day for Israelis since David Ben-Gurion declared their state in 1948 that was destined to be a haven for survivors of the Nazi Holocaust. Yesterday, families



ELIANA APONTE/REUTERS

Israelis and tourists watch air force jets fly in formation yesterday over the Mediterranean Sea in Tel Aviv during celebrations for Israel's Independence Day.

gathered to focus on the positive and on national pride.

While Israelis partied, Palestinians held a solemn march in Bethlehem to mark the "nakba," or catastrophe, of the Jewish state's creation, when about 700,000 people, half the Arab population of Palestine, fled or were driven from their homes. **REUTERS**

Olmert denies allegations of bribery

» Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert admitted yesterday taking cash from a U.S. businessman, but resisted calls to resign over a police investigation into alleged hefty bribes over almost a decade. He said he would resign only if he

were formally indicted. » In a late-night televised address to the nation, Olmert denied the allegations: "I look each and every one of you in the eye and say, 'I never took bribes. I never took a penny for myself.'"

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» **VOLCANO** Chile yesterday ordered holdout residents to flee from an erupting volcano in the remote region of Patagonia and vowed to force them out if they refuse to obey.

» **INCEST** Austrian Josef Fritzl said he became addicted to incest with his daughter, who bore him seven children, and had imprisoned her in a cellar to save her from the outside world. In comments related by

his lawyer to weekly magazine News, Fritzl, who locked up Elisabeth in 1984 when she was 18, said he started raping his daughter a year later.

» **CYCLONE** The United Nations estimated 1.5 million people have been "severely affected" by the cyclone that swept through Myanmar, as the U.S. expressed outrage with the country's junta over delays in allowing in aid. **REUTERS**

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Fighting rocks Beirut, 10 killed

Communications network attacked, Hezbollah claims

Fierce clashes raged in Beirut yesterday after the Iranian-backed group Hezbollah said

the U.S.-supported Lebanese government had declared war by targeting its military communications network.

Security sources said the fighting killed at least 10 people and wounded 20.

Governing coalition leader

UN response

» The UN Security Council called for "calm and restraint," urging all sides to return to peaceful dialogue.

Saad al-Hariri proposed a deal to end the crisis under which the government deci-

sions that infuriated Hezbollah would be considered a "misunderstanding."

But Hezbollah's al-Manar TV quoted a source as rejecting any ideas for ending the conflict other than those proposed by Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah earlier yesterday.

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N. Korea hands over nuclear documents

North Korea handed over more than 18,000 pages of nuclear weapons documents to a U.S. diplomat visiting Pyongyang yesterday that will help verify its plutonium holdings, senior U.S. officials said.

The officials said the documents were another step toward the goal of getting a full declaration of North Korea's nuclear activities, which has been delayed since the end of last year.

The documents, between 18,000 and 19,000 pages, were handed over by the North Koreans to the State Department's Korea expert, Sung Kim, who is visiting Pyongyang, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

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U.S. Congress

Bill aims to give Bush cash for war

LEGISLATION The U.S. Congress will send U.S. President George W. Bush a bill by the end of this month to pay for the war in Iraq through next year, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said yesterday.

The legislation, which would give Bush \$162.5 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan through mid-2009, had been scheduled for debate in the House yesterday. With its timetable for withdrawing troops from Iraq, it already faced a White House veto.

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» **AL QAEDA** Iraqi security forces have detained Abu Ayyab al-Masri, suspected of being the leader of al Qaeda in Iraq, Iraqi officials claimed today. The U.S. military in Baghdad said it was checking the report.

» **CHINA** Speeding drivers in south China are getting away thanks to machines which switch the numbers on their licence plates in seconds, state media said recently.

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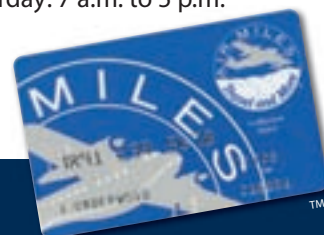
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» **RETAIL** Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, said it will open or expand 25 to 27 stores in Canada by early 2009 and create 6,000 new in-store jobs. It said its focus will be on opening more supercentres. The company now has 32 supercentre stores in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. **REUTERS**

Couche-Tard, Irving in store deal

Que.-based firm to operate 252 U.S., Atlantic properties

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. said yesterday it is ex-

panding its partnership with Irving Oil to take on the operation of 252 convenience stores across Atlantic Canada and New England.

Irving will keep ownership of the stores, the com-

panies said, and Couche-Tard will lease the properties at market value over the next 20 years.

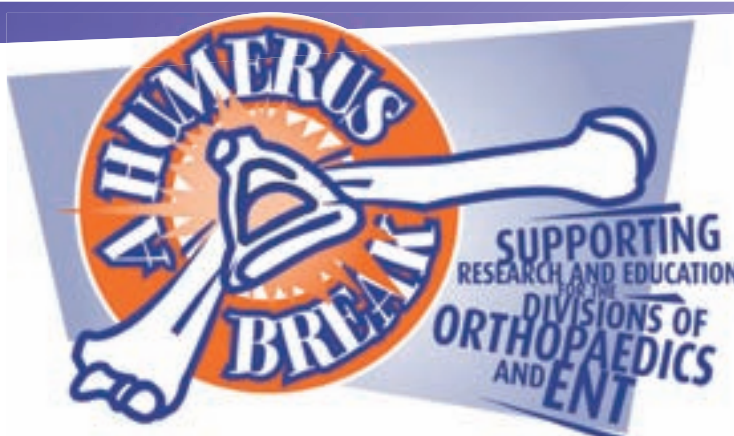
Couche-Tard will buy the stores' equipment and inventories, while regional re-

fining and marketing company Irving will continue to supply oil products. The fuel pumps and canopies will keep the Irving brand, and the stores will be operated under a Couche-Tard brand.

The deal marks Laval, Quebec-based Couche-Tard's entry into the U.S. Northeast and Atlantic Canada.

Financial terms of the arrangement were not disclosed. **REUTERS**

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The generosity and support received for this April event raised over \$44,000 for Orthopaedic and ENT research and education at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. This support will help to enhance treatment and care for Atlantic Canadians requiring these services.



On average, 6000 orthopaedic surgeries are performed at the QEII Health Sciences Centre each year.



Funding from past *A Humerus Break* events have helped create a new temporal bone lab.



(L-R) Dr. Ross Leighton, Division of Orthopaedics, Humerus Break Organizing Committee; Dr. David Kirkpatrick, Chief, Division of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery; Dr. Jaap Bonjer, Chief, Department of Surgery; Dr. Emad Massoud, Program Director, Division of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery; and Dr. David Morris, Division of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery, Humerus Break Organizing Committee.

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Biovail announces focus shift

Biovail Corp. said yesterday that it will close operations in Puerto Rico, resulting in charges of \$80 million US to \$100 million US in the next few quarters, as it shifts focus to a new line of drugs.

Canada's biggest publicly traded drugmaker, which has

faced growing criticism for its dependence on a narrow stable of treatments, also said it plans to spend \$600 million US in research and development of new treatments for central nervous system (CNS) disorders through to 2012. **REUTERS**

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Energy programs OK'd:

Nova Scotia Power customers should be able to save more money by the end of June by taking part in \$13 million worth of energy conservation programs. The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board gave the utility company the go-ahead on May 7 to initiate the programs. In the last eight years, domestic electricity rates have gone up by as much as 28 per cent with no end in sight, says a study by the Ecology Action Centre, which has pushed for more energy conservation programs in the province. Nova Scotia Power has not decided on 2009 rates yet, according to a spokesman.

Housing starts strong in April:

The spring home construction season started strong in Nova Scotia as residential activity in April

picked up with singles and multiples posting solid gains compared to last year. Both single and multiple starts are now 25 per cent higher than 2007 levels. According to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation preliminary data released yesterday for Nova Scotia's urban areas with a population over 10,000, there were 222 total housing starts last month compared with 139 in April 2007, representing a 60 per cent increase. There were 146 single-detached starts last month compared with 99 in April 2007 and 76 multiple unit starts compared with 40 in April 2007, representing growth of 47.5 and 90 per cent respectively.

Compensation offer for farmers:

The provincial government announced yesterday a program that provides Nova Scotia farmers with compensation for damage to crops and livestock caused by wildlife. Agriculture Minister Brooke Taylor says the program is cost-shared by the federal and provincial governments and provides assistance to Nova Scotia farmers who experience damage to

eligible agricultural products. Details on the program are available through the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission at 1-800-565-6371 or by going to the Department of Agriculture website at www.gov.ns.ca/agri.

Colchester Co-op bans plastic:

Plastic bags will be a thing of the past at Colchester Co-op Food Store as of July 1. Management made the final decision on May 1 and staff has been busy informing customers of the change. There has been little negative public feedback since staff started informing customers, said general manager Peter Steele. Reusable bags are available at the store for \$1 each and there will also be a paper alternative for anyone who might forget their bags.

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In Brief

» **LUMBER** Canada's lumber industry is not likely to see a recovery until at least 2010, and financial returns for firms in western Canada will hit record lows this year, said a forest industry advisor at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

» **TELUS** Profit at Telus Corp. jumped almost 50 per cent in the first quarter, helped by higher wireless revenues. **REUTERS**



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Canada's next game at the IIHF World Championship is against Germany tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at the Metro Centre. Cam Ward, left, will start in goal as he continues to rotate with Pascal Leclaire.

METRO HALIFAX

Team Canada survives scare

Canucks hold off surprising Norway

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By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

This time, it was Rick Nash's turn to play late-game hero.

Canada continued to cut it close at the IIHF World Championship yesterday, but Nash's game-winning goal with 3:58 left helped them narrowly escape with a 2-1 victory over underdog Norway before a crowd of 7,380 at the Metro Centre.

The win came just 48 hours after Canada beat the United States 5-4 on a last-minute goal from Dany Heatley.

Norway's stingy neutral-zone trap and a spectacular 50-save performance from goalie Pal Grotnes had the smallest home crowd of the tournament thinking overtime.

"It just comes down to desperation," defenceman Mike Green said. "We really needed a goal and we didn't want to go to overtime with these guys, with the way they play. It was a great play by Nash. He just seems to find a way."

Nash, a Columbus Blue Jackets winger, has a knack for highlight-reel goals, for anyone who remembers him undressing two defencemen and a goalie against the Phoenix Coyotes back in January. He was at it again last night.

He muscled to the net off the left wing and tucked it wide on his backhand past the outstretched pad of Grotnes.

Nash called it a good "team-building game."



Team Canada winger Rick Nash scores the game-winning goal on Norway's goalie Pal Grotnes late in the third period yesterday at the 2008 IIHF World Championships at the Halifax Metro Centre.

Norway has been the surprise of the tournament, taking Finland to overtime in the round robin, beating Germany, and edging out Slovakia for the final qualification spot.

"They played a great defensive game, they made it very hard to penetrate their system, but we needed to find a way earlier in the game," said Green, who had a goal and an assist.

Canada struggled on 10 power-play chances, but its penalty-kill shut down Norway with game on the line, taking care of five straight penalties, including multiple 5-on-3s.

Head coach Ken Hitchcock said he was happier after last night's win than he was after Tuesday's, and credited Norway for its "commitment to defensive hockey."

"The ability of the Norwegian team to defend, at times, was greater than our tenacity to score," Hitchcock said.

Former Halifax Mooseheads goalie Pascal Leclaire made 15 saves for Canada.

Grotnes, a carpenter away from the rink, nearly stole the game with his heroics, but Norway's fatigue from an emotional win over Germany on Wednesday took its toll down the stretch.

"The legs were heavy," stated Norwegian head coach Roy Johansen, "but we did the best we could."

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IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFYING GROUPS

GROUP E

	GP	W	L	OW	OL	GF	GA	PTS
Czech Rep.	3	2	0	0	1	14	7	7
Switzerland	3	2	1	0	0	6	8	6
Sweden	3	2	1	0	0	16	10	6
Russia	2	1	0	1	0	9	5	5
Belarus	2	0	2	0	0	6	8	0
Denmark	3	0	3	0	0	4	17	0

GROUP F

	GP	W	L	OW	OL	GF	GA	PTS
CANADA	3	3	0	0	0	14	5	9
U.S.	3	2	1	0	0	14	9	6
Finland	2	1	0	1	0	8	3	5
Norway	3	1	1	0	1	6	7	4
Germany	3	0	3	0	0	7	14	0
Latvia	2	0	2	0	0	0	11	0

(Three points are given for a win, two for an overtime win and one for an overtime loss)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AT HALIFAX

CANADA 2 Norway 1
U.S. 6 Germany 4

AT QUEBEC CITY

Sweden 8 Denmark 1
Czech Republic 5 Switzerland 0

TODAY'S GAMES

AT HALIFAX

Finland vs. Latvia, 12:30
Slovenia vs. Slovakia, 4:30

AT QUEBEC CITY

Russia vs. Belarus, 2
France vs. Italy, 8

TOMORROW'S GAMES

AT HALIFAX

Germany vs. CANADA, 4:30
Slovakia vs. Slovenia, 8:15

AT QUEBEC CITY

Czech Republic vs. Belarus, 1:30
Russia vs. Sweden, 5:30
Italy vs. France, 9:15

SUNDAY'S GAMES

AT HALIFAX

Norway vs. Latvia, 12:30
Finland vs. United States, 3:30

AT QUEBEC CITY

Denmark vs. Switzerland, 2
Sweden vs. Czech Republic, 8

MONDAY'S GAMES

AT HALIFAX

United States vs. Norway, 12:30
CANADA vs. Finland, 4:30
Latvia vs. Germany, 8:15

AT QUEBEC CITY

Switzerland vs. Russia, 2
Belarus vs. Denmark, 8

SCORING LEADERS

	GP	G	A	P
Heatley, Cda	3	6	4	10
Weinhandl, Swe	4	2	6	8
Kaberle, Cze	4	1	7	8
Elias, Cze	4	5	2	7
Martensson, Swe	4	3	4	7
Nash, Cda	4	3	4	7
Kane, US	4	2	5	7
Parise, US	4	4	2	6
Vrbata, Cze	4	4	2	6
Brown, US	4	3	3	6
Jonsson, Swe	4	2	4	6
Warg, Swe	4	1	5	6
Getzlaf, Cda	4	0	6	6
Martin, US	4	0	6	6



Sweden's Rickard Wallin is congratulated by teammate Marcus Nilson after scoring against Denmark yesterday at the IIHF World Championships in Quebec City. Sweden won 8-1.

USA slips past Germany

Swedes, Czechs winners in Quebec

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

Zach Parise scored the game-winning goal with 8:56 remaining to lift the United States to a 6-4 win over Germany at the IIHF World Championship at the Metro Centre last night.

It was the New Jersey Devils forward's second goal of the game and came on the power play after German blue-liner Sebastian Osterloh took a costly checking-to-the-

head penalty.

Dustin Brown added an empty-net goal with 1:36 to go. Jason Pominville, James Wisniewski and Patrick O'Sullivan rounded out the scoring for the United States.

Florida Panthers goaltender Craig Anderson, filling in for an injured Tim Thomas, was pulled after allowing four goals on nine shots. Former Philadelphia Flyers goaltender Robert Esche replaced him, stopping all six shots he faced.

German goalie Dimitrij Patzold made 36 stops.

At Quebec City, Sweden bounced back from a tough loss to Switzerland and thumped Denmark 8-1.

Tony Martensson had two goals and an assist, while Mattias Weinhandl added a goal and three assists.

New York Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist made his tournament debut, stopping 17 shots.

The Czech Republic thumped Switzerland 5-0. Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Tomas Kaberle had a goal and an assist, as did Martin Erat and Patrick Elias. Tomas Fleischmann and Jiri Novotny chipped in with singles, and goaltender Milan Hnilicka needed just 12 saves to record the shutout.

hockey

Shark bolsters German lineup

ADDITIONS

Germany has added San Jose Sharks forward Marcel Goc to its lineup for the remainder of the IIHF World Championship.

The 6-foot-1, 205-pound forward and former first-round draft pick had five goals and three assists in 51 games this season.

Jordan Leopold and Brandon Dubinsky (U.S.) and Saku Koivu (Finland) are the only other NHLers added to Halifax teams for the qualification round.

METRO HALIFAX

Philadelphia Flyers defenceman Kimmo Timonen, right, will miss at least the NHL's Eastern Conference finals after being diagnosed with a blood clot in his left ankle. The 32-year-old Finn recorded six assists in 12 post-season games.

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BRIAN SNYDER/REUTERS

Cleveland Cavaliers superstar LeBron James and Celtics forward Paul Pierce battle for control of the ball last night during Game 2 of their NBA Eastern Conference semifinal series in Boston.

Celtics stifle Cavaliers again

LeBron struggles with just 21 points

CELTICS 89 CAVALIERS 73

Paul Pierce paced a balanced Boston attack with 19 points and six rebounds as the Celtics routed the Cleveland Cavaliers 89-73 last night in Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Kevin Garnett added 13 points and 12 boards for the Celtics, who took a 2-0 series lead with the win.

Ray Allen, who was held scoreless for the first time since Feb. 26, 1997 in the opener of this series, bounced back with 16 points for Boston, which is a perfect 6-0 at home in the postseason.

LeBron James scored 21 points, but was just 6-of-24 from the floor for the Cavaliers. The Cavs superstar is now shooting a miserable 8-of-42 in the series.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas netted 19 points on 9-of-12 shooting to lead the way for Cleveland.

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Red Wings dim Stars

Potent power play keys dominant Game 1 victory

RED WINGS 4 STARS 1

Tomas Holmstrom posted a goal and an assist as the Red Wings downed the Dallas Stars 4-1 in Game 1 of their Western Conference finals series last night in Detroit.

Brian Rafalski, Johan Franzen and Valtteri Filppula also scored for the top-seeded Red Wings, who will host Game 2 tomorrow night. Nicklas Lidstrom and Niklas Kronwall both had two assists, while Chris Osgood ran his playoff record to 7-0 by stopping 20 shots.

"It was a good win, but we know we have to be better in the next game," Osgood said.

Detroit knocked out Nashville in six games during the opening round and then swept an injury-riddled Colorado squad in the semifinals to reach the conference finals for a second straight year. The Wings lost to eventual Stanley Cup champion Anaheim in six



MARK BUNCH/REUTERS

Red Wings forward Valtteri Filppula celebrates his second-period goal against the Dallas Stars with teammate Johan Franzen last night during Game 1 of their NHL Western Conference Final in Detroit. Franzen also scored in the Red Wings' victory.

hard-fought games last season.

Brenden Morrow lit the lamp for the Stars, while Marty Turco was victimized for four goals on 31 shots.

"I'm not worried about how the Red Wings played," Dallas coach Dave Tippett said. "I'm worried about how we played. We didn't play close to our capability. So give

the Red Wings all the credit in the world. They did what they had to do to win, but we're going to have to be much better."

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Leafs lose out on bids for GM candidate, winger

Another non-playoff season is long over, but the Toronto Maple Leafs' losing ways continue.

The much-maligned organization has now suffered a double whammy off the ice; rejected in their pursuit of a high-profile candidate for their vacant GM post and spurned by a coveted

free-agent winger.

The latest whiff at the executive level came when they approached the San Jose Sharks on Wednesday seeking permission to speak to Doug Wilson



Wilson

thereby retaining Wilson, who has been their GM since 2003. Then, yesterday, free-agent Swedish winger Fabian Brunnstrom signed with Dallas. The Leafs had been one of four finalists for the 23-year-old's services — along with Mon-

treale and Detroit — but the prospect had Stars in his eyes.

Cliff Fletcher, Toronto's interim GM, said he was told by Brunnstrom's agent, J.P. Barry, that the prospect didn't relish the stress he would face playing for the Leafs.

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SCOREBOARD			
QMJHL PLAYOFFS			
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES ROUYN-NORANDA VS. GATINEAU			
Game 5 — Tonight Gatineau at Rouyn-Noranda, 8:30			
*Game 6 — Sunday Rouyn-Noranda at Gatineau, 5			
Game 7 — Tuesday Gatineau at Rouyn-Noranda, 8:30 (Gatineau lead series 3-1) (— if necessary)			
NHL			
CONFERENCE FINALS EASTERN CONFERENCE PHILADELPHIA VS. PITTSBURGH			
Game 1 — Tonight Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8:30			
Game 2 — Sunday Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8:30			
Game 3 — Tuesday Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30			
Game 4 — Thursday Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30			
*Game 5 — Sunday, May 18 Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 4			
*Game 6 — Tuesday, May 20			
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30			
*Game 7 — Thursday, May 22 Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8:30			
WESTERN CONFERENCE DALLAS VS. DETROIT			
Game 1 — Last night Detroit 4 Dallas 1			
Game 2 — Tomorrow Dallas at Detroit, 8:30			
Game 3 — Monday Detroit at Dallas, 9			
Game 4 — Wednesday Detroit at Dallas, 9			
*Game 5 — Saturday, May 17 Dallas at Detroit, 2:30			
*Game 6 — Monday, May 19 Detroit at Dallas, 9			
Game 7 — Wednesday, May 21 Dallas at Detroit, 8:30 (Detroit leads series 1-0) (— if necessary)			
NBA			
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS EASTERN CONFERENCE BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND			
Game 2 — Last night Boston 89 Cleveland 73			
Game 3 — Tomorrow Boston at Cleveland, 9 (Boston leads series 2-0)			
DETROIT VS. ORLANDO			
Game 4 — Tomorrow Detroit at Orlando, 5			
Game 5 — Tuesday Orlando at Detroit, TBA (Detroit leads series 2-1)			
WESTERN CONFERENCE L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH			
Game 2 — Wednesday L.A. Lakers 120 Utah 110			
Game 3 — Tonight L.A. Lakers at Utah, 10 (L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0)			
NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO			
Game 3 — Last night New Orleans at San Antonio			
Game 4 — Sunday New Orleans at San Antonio, 9 (New Orleans leads series 2-0)			
MLB			
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AMERICAN LEAGUE N.Y. Yankees 6 Cleveland 3 Chicago W. Sox 6 Minnesota 2			
Boston 5 Detroit 1 Tampa Bay 8 Toronto 3 (13 ings) Baltimore 4 Kansas City 1 Texas at Seattle NATIONAL LEAGUE Pittsburgh 5 San Francisco 4 Atlanta 5 San Diego 4 Colorado 9 St. Louis 3 Arizona 8 Philadelphia 2 Florida 7 Milwaukee 3 Washington 8 Houston 3			
TODAY'S GAMES AMERICAN LEAGUE Toronto at Cleveland, 8:05 N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 8:05 L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 8:10 Oakland at Texas, 9:05 Boston at Minnesota, 9:10 Baltimore at Kansas City, 9:10 Chicago W. Sox at Seattle, 11:10 NATIONAL LEAGUE Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 3:20 Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 8:05 Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 8:10 Florida at Washington, 8:35 St. Louis at Milwaukee, 9:05 Colorado at San Diego, 11:05 Philadelphia at San Francisco, 11:15 Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 11:40			

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Adoration of Burke a head scratcher

Senseless in sports: Constant references to NHL general manager **Brian Burke** as some sort of guru/genius. His Anaheim Ducks under-achieved woefully this season, did they not? I think Oilers GM **Kevin Lowe** was bang-on when he suggested on Edmonton radio station CHED this week that Burke is merely "a loud mouth fellow from down south."

- Reports claiming superstar-player-turned-subpar-coach **Wayne Gretzky** is the "front runner" to become the new chief of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

- On-air suggestions by

Blue Jays homer/analyst **Rance Mulliniks** that pitcher **Shaun Marcum** is reminiscent of future Hall of Famer **Greg Maddux**.

- Marcum and fellow Toronto pitcher **Dustin McGowan** claiming their mouth guards are somehow responsible for somehow providing them with added flexibility.

- Suggestions from propagandists with the Cincinnati Reds that rookie first baseman **Joey Votto** of Etobicoke (who this week became the only Canadian other than B.C.'s **Larry Walker** and **Justin Morneau** to hit three home

runs in a game) is the finest Ontario-born player in major-league history. What, these guys never heard of **Ferguson Jenkins**?

- Boston Red Sox closer **Jonathan Papelbon** divulging on national television in the United States that he and teammate **Manny Delcarmen** actually play craps in the bullpen during games.

- **Eric Hinske** resurfacing as a productive slugger



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with the Tampa Bay Rays when he did diddly-squat for the Red Sox and Blue Jays.

- The operators of Ottawa's new CFL franchise recruiting **Don Matthews** to lobby for a refurbished stadium. The man was a football coach, not a politician. Hello?

- The Argonauts signing another player (**David Boston**) with a history of off-field problems. I mean, did they not learn any-

thing from their experiences with **Ricky Williams** and **Andre Rison**?

- Mystifying food-related comments about onions and cheese and salami during basketball games by announcer **Chuck Swirsky**, who's leaving the Toronto Raptors (yes!) and will fit in nicely in Chicago, otherwise known as The Windy City.

- Ex-NBA and Raptors ruffian **Charles Oakley** trying to return to the lime-light as the host of a cooking show.

- U.S. president **George W. Bush** including Denver Broncos coach **Mike Shana-**

han on the invitation list to his daughter's wedding. Only 200 guests are invited. Bush has met Shannah once.

- The nickname of Ottawa's minor-league baseball team, the Rapidz. Why the z instead of an s?

- The firing of **Don Charette** as the Rapidz' rookie GM, two weeks before opening day.

Oh, and not senseless: My latest MLB Report, exclusively at metronews.ca. Check it out.

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Early worm Garcia sets pace at TPC

Spaniard notches seven birdies

Spaniard Sergio Garcia took advantage of an early tee-off time to seize a two-stroke lead after the opening round of the the Players Championship yesterday in Florida.

Seeking his first PGA Tour title in almost three years, Garcia fired a sparkling six-under-par 66 at the Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass to take control of the event widely regarded as the unofficial fifth major.

The 28-year-old piled up seven birdies, four of them in six holes, and a lone bogey in breezy morning conditions to finish two ahead of Americans Kenny Perry and Paul Goydos.

Two-time champion Steve Elkington of Australia opened with a 69 to lie three off the pace, level with Britain's Ian Poulter, Swede Niclas Fasth



Sergio Garcia lines up a shot on the 14th hole yesterday during the first round of the the Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

and Americans Heath Slocum and Todd Hamilton.

Garcia, whose last PGA Tour win came at the 2005 Booz Allen Classic, said he had benefited from teeing off in the calm of the morning.

"I wouldn't say it was easy, but it was definitely not as tough," he added.

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»sports In Brief

» **MLB** The Toronto Blue Jays placed infielders David Eckstein and John McDonald on the 15-day disabled list yesterday, after the two players were both injured in Tuesday's 5-4 loss to Tampa Bay. Eckstein has a strained hip flexor, while McDonald has a sprained ankle.

» **NFL** Former New England Patriots employee Matt Walsh has reportedly sent the NFL eight tapes showing that the team recorded play-calling signals by coaches of five opponents over six games between 2000 and 2002. The

taping of such signals is in violation of league rules.

» **TENNIS** World No. 1 Justine Henin was dumped out of the German Open by Dinara Safina yesterday, losing 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 in the third round. In other action, fifth-seeded Serena Williams thumped 11th-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska 6-3, 6-1.

» **TENNIS** Top-seeded Roger Federer beat Croatia's Ivo Karlovic 7-6, 6-3 in the Rome Masters yesterday to book a spot in the quarter-finals.

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Emile Hirsch didn't actually drive a race car for his part in *Speed Racer*, but he reveals the secrets to the scenes.

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BARENAKED LADIES are back, but this time, it's all about the kids.

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FORMER American Idol contestant Jason Castro isn't dwelling on his elimination.

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Hard Candy, the new album from Madonna, left, has debuted at No. 1 in 27 countries. In Canada, Nielsen SoundScan reports that the disc sold 57,000 physical and digital copies in its first week, making it the fourth-best-selling album of 2008.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ladies savour some Snacktime

Rock group has fun making new children's album

By AMANDA B. HAUPT
for Metro Halifax

Profile HUMOUR, YOUTHFUL energy and catchy songs have been trademarks of the Barenaked Ladies' since the band's formation. Now that the five members are family men, it's only natural that new release, *Snacktime*, is a children's album.

Consisting of 24 short tracks, *Snacktime* is pure fun and entertainment for listeners of any age. Vocalist Steven Page admits keeping both children and parents happy was a priority.

"We all have kids, so we've all spent lots of time



WARNER MUSIC PHOTO

The Barenaked Ladies' new children's album, *Snacktime*, was released this week.

in the car listening to absolutely excruciating kids music ... kids always want to hear stuff multiple times. We tried to create something people can listen to multiple times and

we wanted a lot of variety. That was the other nice appeal of having short songs, we could then put a lot of songs on the record and keep it fresh over the course of it."

Song titles include Pollywog in a Bog, Vegetable Town, My Big Sister and Here Come the Geese. It's hard to keep a straight face listening to *Snacktime* and Page says it was a liberating

experience to intentionally write a funny record aimed at children.

"You want to be funny for your own kids and our own kids are so sick of our own jokes that we had to come up with fresh stuff. In a lot of ways we felt a lot of freedom making the record both musically and as far as humour goes. When we try to make our regular records, we've always straddled that line between humorous and serious and maybe the humour gets in the way or overshadows the serious stuff," he says.

"Here on this record most of the stuff is really fun; it's for kids to move and dance and learn and feel good. It was very liberating for us to make a record like this."

Snacktime also covers a wide range of musical

styles and the singer confesses it wasn't intentional in the beginning.

"It wasn't really on our list of things to do, but the nice thing about it also was that we could do a lot of pastiche and tributes to different styles of music or different artists specifically and not have to worry about it. I think when you're doing an album for adults we would always stop ourselves and go 'this sounds too much like this kind of music or this artist.'"

As for the next BNL record, Page says the band is heading back to the studio in October and aiming for an April release.

"Quite often we really don't have a sense of what we're gonna sound like until we're right in the middle of it."

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Vegas just a formulaic bore

What Happens In **Vegas**

Stars Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher

Director Tom Vaughan



PG

By **STEVE GOW**
for Metro Halifax

REVIEW ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME THAT Ashton Kutcher's 15 minutes of fame perished — or at least diminished to the stature of, say, Pauly Shore?

I mean, if he makes one more substandard romantic comedy, wouldn't the end have to be nigh for ol' Kutch?

Well surprise! His latest, *What Happens in Vegas* is an accessible, but formulaic groaner about two unlikely people falling in love through their utter contempt of each other.

It actually starts out promisingly: When an underachiever named Jack (Kutcher) blasts off to Vegas, he meets recently-dumped Joy (Cameron Diaz) and the pair get hitched in one night of drunken debauchery. In the morning, the duo agree to annul the union until Jack wins a \$3 million jackpot with Joy's quarter.

The film quickly loses steam when the pair returns to Manhattan (early on) where a pro-marital judge (Dennis Miller) sentences the disgruntled couple to "six months hard



Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz star in *What Happens In Vegas*.

marriage" to decide who gets the dough.

Now, Kutcher and Diaz have an acceptable amount of chemistry, but unfortunately this is the type of film where the

characters are so baseless that Joy's feelings for Jack pretty much switch from pure repulsion to adulated affection just because she finds out he coaches little league softball. Aww, he *is*

a good guy!

The truth is, this comedy could have been fun (as it is while in Vegas) but ends up reducing potentially interesting gags to simple platitudes (Jack uri-

nates in a sink of dirty dishes, Joy shows Jack how to work the toilet seat, etc).

Even worse, it thinks it's clever when Jack dons a black eye to fake he's being abused for a marriage

counsellor. Yikes. Imagine if that joke were the other way around? This film is unconvincing, ordinary and even slightly offensive.

Careful Ashton, I think your Vegas is showing.

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Hollywood, beware: Ashton Kutcher isn't done punking. "I might take it to another level," Kutcher, left, told Ryan Seacrest on his radio show this week, citing inspiration for Punk'd: The Movie. PEOPLE.COM

Racer like fizzy eye candy

Speed Racer

Stars Emile Hirsch, Susan Sarandon
Director Andy and Larry Wachowski

PG

By STEVE GOW
for Metro Halifax

REVIEW TAKE A DASH of Willy Wonka, add a bit of The Jetsons, a pinch of The Matrix played out with cars, toss it all into a Magic Spin Art machine and there you have Speed Racer.

With that in mind, it should come as no shocker that this \$120-million family film

was created by the Wachowski brothers (the minds behind the Matrix movies), who are as well-known for their quirkiness as their incredible sense of film design. A radically stylized remake of the classic '60s cartoon of the same name, Speed Racer stars Emile Hirsch (Into the Wild) as Speed, a talented young driver living

« (Speed Racer's) refreshingly more "progressive" with its anti-corporate stance. »

in the shadow of his older brother's racing death. After learning that big business is fixing and profiting from racing,



Emile Hirsch and Christina Ricci star in Speed Racer, now playing.

Speed teams up to win a notorious rally and bankrupt the lead corporation tampering the sport. Like many family films, it's a fairly simple storyline full of wholesome ideals (Mom even makes pancakes!). But on some level, it's re-

freshly more "progressive" with its anti-corporate stance, an ultra-violent ninja battle and a pre-teen who throws up a rebellious middle finger at the bad guy. As for the cast, I think they put in great perform-

ances but it's hard to tell since they (and you) are bombarded by the visuals, which not only end up being Speed Racer's boon but also its burden. Although Speed Racer takes you into a world of intense color and pop art that is

dazzling to witness, it can be slightly exhausting after 129 minutes. Like tasting Pop Rocks as a kid, you'll be blown away at the new sensation but eating too much of that fizzy candy can give you a toothache.

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REVIEW WHEN WE first meet Julia (Juliet Stevenson), she's arrived in lovely, sunny Malta with a husband and a secret, and schemes pathetically to get away from him and her two spoiled daughters to make a liaison she made a quarter century ago with a young man she'd met there before her life became enmeshed in the middle-class doldrums so painstakingly depicted by director Joan Carr-Wiggin, right down to the husband (Daniel Stern) and his jigsaw puzzles. Julia seems hopeless — a

« The plot ... stumbles on well past the point after which the characters become unbearable. »

ditherer with low self-esteem, and we wonder what she might have done to those many years ago to extract such a promise. When we finally meet the young man, he's grown into Tcheky Karyo, a charming serial philanderer with a string of marriages behind him. He's obviously a man for whom jagged neuroses are a turn on, and he sets about wooing Julia away from her family, to little resistance. Once the truth is out, her husband acts predictably, punching Karyo before wandering off to buy a new suit and rent the honeymoon suite at his wife's lover's hotel, where he hooks up with a redheaded divorcee played by Valerie Mahaffey. It's the first sensible thing anyone in the film has done



Juliet Stevenson stars in Previous Engagement.

by that point. The plot hardly recommends itself to the attenuated length Carr-Wiggin teases it to, and stumbles on well past the point after which the characters become unbearable, but if nothing else, Previous Engagement gives us a fine approximation of what hell would be like with blue skies, white beaches and good hotels.

Tom Hanks, right, has teamed up with the EBay Giving Works organization and is offering one lucky fan the chance to land a speaking role opposite his wife Rita Wilson in a performance of Shakespeare's *The Taming Of The Shrew*. IMDB.COM



A thinking person's fight film

Redbelt

Stars Chiwetel Ejiofor, Tim Allen
Director David Mamet



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By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Halifax

REVIEW LEAVE IT TO legendary playwright David Mamet to deliver a truly cerebral martial arts film.

Redbelt — Mamet's latest writing-directing effort — has some memorable fight scenes, but all are carried out with an eye to plot and thematic progress, rather than an all-out fists-of-fury extravaganza. Take note hardcore fans: this is not your average martial arts movie. The film follows Brazilian Jiu Jitsu instructor Mike Terry (American Gang-

ster's Chiwetel Ejiofor) as he struggles to keep his school afloat while his personal bank account takes a beating. An unlikely turn of events brings Terry in contact with film star Chet Frank (Wild Hogs' Tim Allen) who offers the instructor co-producing duties on his latest film and gives him with an expensive gift as a thank you for aid in a bar fight.

Another set of unfortunate circumstances — and there are many in Redbelt — forces Terry into the ring against his better judgment to compete for cash to save his business and his honour.

Fans of ass-kicking martial arts films will likely find only a few moments of



Emily Mortimer and Chiwetel Ejiofor star in David Mamet's Redbelt.

pleasure in Mamet's pet project, while those who prefer brains over brawn

will revel in the auteur's latest work. The director, himself a purple belt in jiu

jitsu, reportedly wanted to create a samurai-style film that would make the

renowned Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa proud. While Kurosawa's passing in 1998 makes it impossible to tell if Mamet accomplished his goal, what's clear is that he's produced a definitively complex film that puts a fresh spin on an old genre.

The consistently versatile Ejiofor is mesmerizing as the conflicted Terry, while Tim Allen is entertaining as the shady actor Chet Frank whose motivations are clouded at best throughout most of the picture. British actress Emily Mortimer delivers an enigmatic performance as a frazzled lawyer, but it's jiu jitsu itself which provides one of Mamet's most valuable narrative tools.

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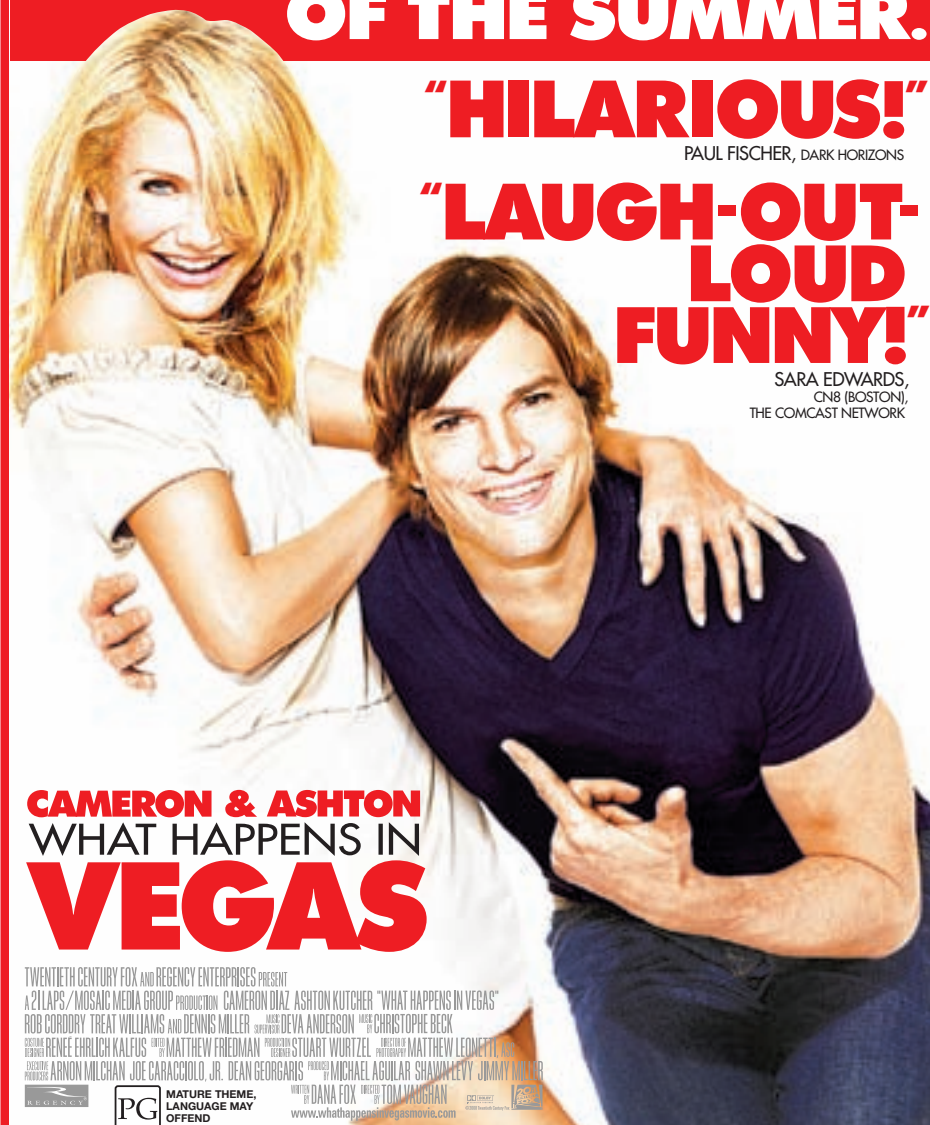
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Behind the scenes of Speed Racer

Cast had fun with green screen and gimbals

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for Metro Halifax

FEATURE APART FROM watching all 52 of the original Japanese Speed Racer cartoons, Emile Hirsch describes preparing for the title role in the Wachowski brothers' movie adaptation as pretty effortless.

"I didn't actually drive a race car," Hirsch recalls at a press event held last month at the Long Beach Grand Prix, "but me and my buddy Frankie, we went to the NASCAR simulator at Universal City Walk, which was fun, and we beat a bunch of tourists. It was like, Hollywood 2, Idaho o."

Christina Ricci, who plays Trixie, Hirsch's love interest in the film, recalls that working on a green screen set into which the backgrounds would be inserted digitally was a bonding experience for the cast, which included Susan Sarandon, John Goodman and Matthew Fox.

"A lot of our stuff early



Emile Hirsch and Christina Ricci at the premiere of Speed Racer.

in the shooting was all family stuff, so it was all ensemble, and it was all of

« *I love doing that stuff. I love getting the battle scars ... It's a lot of shaking and craziness.* »

Actress Christina Ricci

us together, and you walk onto the set and you see all of us dressed in all these hilarious costumes, and it was 'Hey, what are we doing today?' It's snowing. 'Hey, Susan, did you know it was snowing now?' We'd be laugh-

ing because it was sort of ridiculous, but we're committing to it. We don't know what's around us, but we'll do what they tell us to."

With no real racing being filmed, the actors who drove in the break-neck race scenes that take up much of the film were strapped into mechanized gimbals that threw them around convincingly enough for the camera, an endurance test that left them with bruises at the

end of the day.

"It was so much fun," recalls Ricci. "I love doing that stuff. I love getting the battle scars. When you're in the gimbal you get banged around so much, and at one point I had to get out and throw up and then get back in because it's a lot of shaking and craziness. It was just really fun — I had a good time."

Hirsch's memories aren't so fond. "All of my anger in the film when

I'm driving was authentic, because they were just slamming me around in this simulator for hours and it's green and it's hot and there's lights on you and you can't move because you're strapped in. You get literally frustrated to the point where you want to rip the thing apart with a bat. I think I have a drawing of me breaking it."

With so much of the film realized after the filming was over, Ricci

says the actors had to trust the Wachowskis and the vision they were creating. "I don't think that anyone could really get into what they have in their heads," she says.

"That's the thing about them, is they inspire such confidence and such trust, because you can tell they have this complete vision in their heads and you'd be doing a huge disservice to not trust them and let them do what they have to do."

Mr. Darcy to the rescue in She Found Me

Then She **Found Me**

Stars Helen Hunt, Colin Firth

Director Helen Hunt



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for Metro Halifax

REVIEW EIGHT YEARS AGO, Helen Hunt seemed to be everywhere. But her appearances onscreen have been scarce since then — most of her time has been spent starting a family and, apparently, trying to make this film

about a woman trying, against the odds, to start a family of her own.

Hunt plays April, a school teacher who discovers after a year of marriage that her younger husband (Matthew Broderick) is still too much of a boy to handle the rigorous banality of married life. But a hopeful possibility presents itself the next morning, in the shape of a single dad at her school (Colin Firth).

What follows is a tenta-

tive romance, which might have been too slight for a whole film, so April has to cope with rejection, new love and an unexpected pregnancy while fending off the attentions of Bernice (Bette Midler), the birth mother who has chosen to reconnect with her long lost daughter.

Hunt throws herself into the early scenes, looking more drawn and haggard than one can imagine any Hollywood agent wanting to see their



Helen Hunt stars and directs in Then She Found Me.

client. When Firth shows up, however — Mr. Darcy, for Pete's sake! — we know that solace, or at least

some more flattering lighting, lies ahead for April, after the requisite rocky road.

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Heather Graham, left, Jennifer Coolidge and Matthew Settle are starring in the indie black dramedy *Ex-terminators*, which will mark the feature directing debut of *Scrubs* helmer John Inwood.

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Hunt takes turn in directorial role

Actress relied on friends to star for little pay

By RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Halifax

FEATURE AFTER WHAT seems like a long hiatus from movies, Helen Hunt has returned in her own directorial debut, *Then She Found Me*, a low-budget story about a woman forced to cope with more than she's probably equipped to handle — a divorce, pregnancy, a new romance, and the sudden reappearance of her birth mother.

Hunt, whose trademark flinty vulnerability was showcased in films like *As Good As It Gets* and on

TV's *Mad About You*, plays the lead role, April, with a remarkable lack of ego — she might be the centre of the story, but she never dominates the action, and the cast Hunt assembled around her has plenty of room to breathe. Hunt says she's been trying to make the film for years, first with an eye to just doing the role of April, then letting someone else handle the part when she decided she wanted to direct.

"I always knew that my personality might very well be suited to directing," Hunt tells me in a phone interview.

"But I also knew that it was too big and exhausting a job to do just to do, which was to say for the privilege of saying action



Helen Hunt directed and starred in *Then She Found Me*.

and cut and bossing people around. It wasn't worth it. But I knew that if I found a story that I had a real sense of authorship over and that I had something, a small

but potent something that only I could say, then I would try to do it."

In the end, she was forced to take on both acting and directing duties.

After living with the character for so many years, it simply didn't seem feasible to pass the burden of playing April on to someone else.

"The decision became logistical ... I don't think I could have asked another actress to work 24 hours a day. I don't think I had the time to download what I knew about this part into another person's brain."

Considering the budget restrictions, Hunt was able to pull together a stellar cast, with cameo roles by friends like Tim Robbins and Janeane Garofalo in addition to having actors like Matthew Broderick, Colin Firth and Bette Midler play her ex-husband, new love and birth mother respectively.

Their willingness to work on such a small project says a lot about the hunger for a human role in a decent script in Hollywood these days.

"I didn't have money to pay them, so they must have responded to the story."

"If you think about the actors who worked on this, as much as we like to make money and be rewarded for what we do, there is a hunger to work on stories that speak to us that is obviously bigger than that. There's no other reason why these people would have done it. I'm not that great a person that they would have just shown up for weeks at a time 'cause I'm nice."

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Last week, I marvelled at how children's television has a knack of weirding out parents on an almost regular basis, occasioned by my discovery — brokered by my daughters — of Nick Jr.'s Yo Gabba Gabba. I speculated that the show — which features a gang of colourful odd shapes abstracted from animals and things marshalled through their paces by a hyperactive DJ — would no doubt foster a whole new generation of happily obtuse college kids competing to outdo each other with their knowledge of obscure indie bands and Japanese pop culture.

Those kids are already out there, of course, and it's no surprise to learn via a story on the ABC News website that they've already embraced the show — with a bit of chemical facilitation. A group of friends at Georgia Southern University meet three times a week to watch the show, while a student at a Washington community college says that he appreciates the show for its "randomness."

"When I first saw it I thought it was the funniest thing — I almost started crying," he said. "If I had to describe (the show) to people, I'd have to say it's a mix of Bonanza meets Sesame Street."

Or The McLaughlin Report meets Rollerball. Or the Banana Splits meets 60 Minutes. Or Frasier meets the Summer Olympics. No, totally, I know what you mean.

Probably because they

no longer need their parents to help pay their rent and tuition, older fans of the show said that they usually watched the show while high. "It's a good stoner television show, because it's not difficult to understand since it's made for children and there are lots of bright colors and good music," said Tracie Egan, an editor who writes



IDIOT BOX

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a column called *Pot Psychology* for the popular women's gossip blog Jezebel.com. The show's creators said they're happy that an additional audience has attached itself to the show. "I guess anyone else watching wants to be fun and silly and be in touch with their inner preschooler — and check out some cool bands, too," said Scott Schultz, who created the show with Christian Jacobs.

Nick Jr., which greenlit a second season, is currently developing a line of merchandise to promote the show, much of it likely suitable for both older and younger fans. I'm thinking DJ Lance Rock messenger bags, Foofa wallet chains, Toodee trucker caps and a Plex keychain with a secret compartment where you can put, uh, stuff.

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY: This Tuesday's paper will feature the 500th Idiot Box column, and my 1000th TV column for Metro. Pretty good for a guy who only watches Quincey reruns, don't you think?

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

Ousted idol wannabe 'ready to go'

By SANDY CAETANO
for Metro Halifax

Profile

FORGETTING lyrics to a song like Bob Dylan's Mr. Tambourine Man is something eliminated American Idol competitor Jason Castro won't ever forget.

And after the fumble he made this week singing the

song, it's a wonder Castro isn't being hard on himself. But during a conference call with journalists, Castro seemed very much at ease.

"I was ready to go either way, whatever they gave me. And when they gave me that ... I just felt really relieved, like the pressure was off," said Castro, 20, from Rockwall, Tex. "You

know, I loved my time on there, and I would have liked to go farther, but I don't think I could've handled it, you know, so I'm content."

One reporter told the former Top 4 contestant that judge Simon Cowell had said he thought Castro forgot the words on purpose because he was ready

to go home.

"I definitely did not do that on purpose," Castro said. "It just came down to my inexperience."

But Castro's not going home just yet. Next week, he said he's going to New York with his fellow competitors, attending the finale and then getting ready for the American Idol tour.

FRIDAY

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primetime 5/9/08	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	TV's All-Time Funniest (N)			20/20	
	7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime		Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Supernatural (HDTV) (N)	Whistler	
	11	11	11	CBC	Running Into	East-Sessions	Just-Gags	NHL Hockey Eastern Conference Final Game 1 -- Philadelphia Flyers at Pittsburgh Penguins.					
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Moonlight (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS (N)	
	6	6	6	CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Robots *** (2005, Comedy), Halle Berry Premiere.		NUMB3RS "Pay to Play"		News (N)		
	9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Moonlight (HDTV) (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Comedy Now	Comedy Now	
	36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Man of the House ** (2005, Comedy) Tommy Lee Jones.			Fox First	
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Outrageous		Outrageous	Dateline NBC	
	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	World Series of Poker		WWE SmackDown! (HDTV)			Score Tonight	
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Diamond Hill Plywood 200. (HDTV) (Live)			SportsCentre			
sports	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami "Shock"		CSI: Miami "Bait"		CSI: Miami "Extreme"		CSI: Miami	
	70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	Rez Rides	renegadePress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Mask *** (1985, Biography) Eric Stoltz.		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Waiting for Guffman (1996, Comedy)		Beyond-Screen	Godiva's	
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	
	18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Extras	
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Canada's Worst Handyman		Bone Detectives	A Haunting	
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Buy Me	House Hunters	House Hunters	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Selling Houses
	46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.		Masterminds	JAG (DVS)	Cities of the Underworld		Final 24 Sid Vicious.		Crime Stories
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cable variety	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis (HDTV)	Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	
	40	40	40	SLICE	Three Takes		Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	The List	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear (N)		
	22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Extreme: Dead Skinny Celeb.		Step It Up & Dance		
	27	27	27	YTV	Prank Patrol	Endurance	Ghost	Adrenaline Proj	Naruto	Avatar-Last Air	Futurama	Bleach	
	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	Wrl News Sat	Celtics-Rise	Return to Glory			NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Celtics at Cavaliers		
	7	7	7	ASN	Corner Gas		Corner Gas	W-FIVE (N)	Stargate SG-1 "Origin"			Stargate Atlantis	
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Pop Hard

Blogosphere darlings go big time!

By Briony Smith
Contributing Writer

Standing on the stage of an outdoor Christian-music festival in New Jersey in the dead of winter was just another day on the job for Bad Flirt, the Montreal-based hard-pop band that has made a name for itself playing shows all over North America.

Before the present-day quintet joined forces a few years ago, singer/guitarist Jasmine White-Gluz was a solo act. Today, she rocks out with

Raf De La Durantaye (drums), Evan Dubinsky (keyboards and vocals), Laura Lloyd (guitar) and Nick Knowles (bass). The Internet has been good to the band: Besides boosts from the blogosphere, the group acquired a new legion of fans after winning Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen's online Battle of the Bands last spring. It also created anticipation for the group's first label-released album, *Virgin Talk*. The album's themes may explore love and loss, but they're never maudlin. "We're a pop band!" says White-Gluz. "So our sound is a mix of melancholy but with a touch of sweetness."

Editors' Pick

MADE IN THE SHADE

They say that smoke gets in your eyes, but only figuratively when you sport Kensie's dégradé smoky sunglasses with white leather temples (\$32, exclusively at The Bay across Canada, www.thebay.com).



HOTHEAD PREP YOUR HAIR TO DO BATTLE WITH SUMMER'S HARMFUL UV RAYS.

For fried hair, Schwarzkopf Professional's BC Sun Guardian range includes UV-Protection Spray with glycine, which allows the moisturizing, UVA- and UVB-protective formula to deeply penetrate the hair shaft.

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Nylon and Lycra bikini (\$88, Billabong)

Nylon and Lycra bikini with knot detailing (\$45, Old Navy)

Nylon and Lycra bikini with halter top (\$104, Powder Room)

Fribble Workout bikini (\$55, TYR Sport)



SPLASH OUT

Swimsuit company TYR Sport — which is outfitting some of this summer's Olympic athletes — is proving that sports swimwear can be functional and fashionable. Several of its latest swimsuits are made of Durafast, a polyester fabric that is sun- and chlorine-resistant, allows minimal moisture absorption and lasts three times longer than Lycra. You'll want to show off this swimwear — available in a floral bikini with adjustable straps for a custom fit — out of the pool too! **LESLEY YOUNG**



DIY vs. doctor?
June's ELLE puts at-home beauty tools to the test.

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The art of heeling

The architectural marvel of sky high footwear

HAD ENOUGH of "it" bags?

Behold the statement shoe.

After seasons of the cultish trend of handbags fetching prices rivalling those of cars and women accumulating entire wardrobes of must-have purses, shoes are stepping into the limelight as the new coveted accessory.

But not just any ordinary pump will do. Footwear design has taken on bold architectural shapes with surreal, fantastical and sometimes downright bizarre heels.

"No one wants a basic black pump any more," says Barbara Atkin, vice-president of fashion direction at Holt Renfrew. "People are gravitating to heel art."

And some of the most

spectacular heels that came down the runways for spring look exactly like that — an object of art.

Miuccia Prada sent out a sensuous velvet shoe with an art nouveau-influenced floral stalk as a heel, the perfect accompaniment to the erotic pixies featured in the prints on her clothing.

Architectural marvels were noticeable at Marni,

where platforms had the sharp edges of a skyscraper, and at Jil Sander the nail-thin heel was held in place by a criss-cross of lattice resembling scaffolding.

Fendi's heel was a metal cage that encased what appeared to be a glass column.

But the pump reached the height of perversity at Marc Jacobs. He went the

surrealist route and showed a high-heel shoe with the heel missing, leaving the shoe seemingly suspended in mid-air, with the heel protruding horizontally from the toes.

"Surrealism is about

looking at something in a new and different way," says Atkin. "And fashion is about fantasy. It's taking

everyday things and twisting it up and bring it back in a new way. It's all about escape."

When it comes to the complex relationship between a woman and her shoes, part of that escapist fantasy probably started in childhood.

"It's a Cinderella complex. Subconsciously, as little girls reading fairy tales,

«No one wants a basic black pump any more... People are gravitating to heel art»

Barbara Atkin, vice-president of fashion direction at Holt Renfrew



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Shoes are stepping into the limelight with designs that have taken on bold architectural shapes and heights. Above: Sergio Rossi black and white shoe, \$795, left, and Prada velvet shoe, \$840.

the symbolism is there," Atkin says. "We are fascinated by that glass slipper left behind. It can only fit one person and it's fit for a queen."

A visit to Toronto, Ont.'s Bata Shoe Museum shows surreal-looking shoes are not exactly a new invention.

"Extremes of fashion for the sake of fashion in footwear is nothing new. It's been around quite awhile," says museum cura-

tor Elizabeth Semmelhack. She cites examples like the extended pointed-toe footwear of the Middle Ages and the towering chopines worn by Venetian women in the 16th century.

Even that flower heel Prada shoe referenced 1970s Italian shoe designer Andrea Pfister, whose designs had shoes perched on heels in the shape of vegetables.

And the platform, another extreme footwear

trend, curiously was in fashion throughout World War II, came back during the Vietnam War and is popular again today, as conflicts rage in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It is possible when things become so dire that fashion can answer by going completely capricious — the same way cinema became so important during the Great Depression," Semmelhack notes.

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MySpace showcases new designers

Young designers competing to get noticed by fashion labels can now launch their careers online through the fashion world's answer to the social networking website myspace.com.

Fashionspace.com was created by 23-year-old London fashion graduate Holly Bellm last October and is

fast becoming to fashionistas what MySpace is to amateur musicians, with 20,000 members in 120 countries frequenting the site every day.

"While I was studying fashion... MySpace was becoming the best place for (talent scouts) finding the next big band and unsigned artists," Bellm told Reuters.

"I saw all this amazing creative talent around me and thought: why not do the same for fashion?" she said.

The website www.fashionspace.com features photographs of models posing in higher selling members' designs, and advertisements for their fashion shows.

"Our core is to try to help

young designers break into the market we're looking at the tools to get them more sales," Bellm said.

Fashionspace allows members to swap, buy and sell their original designs, second-hand clothes and accessories, with a 10 percent commission of every sale going to Bellm and her team.

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Halifax ready for world-class acts

New columnist Nikki dishes on city's entertainment

I've just caught my breath from the 2008 Halifax Comedy Fest, featuring hilarious and well-known comedians like Greg Proops from *Whose Line Is It Anyway*, Craig Robinson from NBC's *The Office* and Debra Di-Giovani from *Much Music's Video On Trial*. And now it looks like Halifax is making way for more first-class entertainment.

Six well-known Halifax DJ's are gearing up for the 2008 Toyota Yaris-Stylus DJ awards. Voting is currently taking place online at www.z103halifax.com, and fans of live DJs are ready to celebrate at the Stylus DJ Awards nomination party at Embassy Nightclub on May 23.

Nova Scotia's own Clas-

sified & The Halflife Crew are going to be on stage opening for hip-hop legend Nas, who will be performing in Halifax for the first time ever on May 25. Tickets are on sale now online at www.ticketatlantic.com,

and by phone at 902-451-1221.

Almost three years exactly after Avril Lavigne rocked the Metro Centre during Boney Tour

2005, she'll be back with The Best Damn Tour on August 10.

Still want more nationally recognized recording artists to take on Halifax this summer? Faber Drive and The All American Rejects will be opening for the Montreal-made band Simple Plan at the Metro Centre on August 21.

» Hear Nikki Balch on the Z103.5 Morning Show with Jeff, Nikki and Shane, weekdays from 5:30-10 a.m.



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MacNeil sings from heart

Juno-winning artist's new album dedicated to mom

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

HER FIRST audience — perhaps her most important — was her mother and father. Rita MacNeil was shy, but she would still, with some coaxing, oblige.

"They were wonderful, they knew I loved to sing, and they were always trying to get me to get out of my shell," said the singer from Big Pond. "I certainly

enjoyed singing to them, they were a small audience but appreciative."

Those songs, her mom and dad's favourites, included *From A Jack To A King*, *It's Almost Tomorrow*, *North To Alaska*, and *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

MacNeil has included those tones, along with nine others, on a CD called *Songs My Mother Loved*. It's a collection she will be singing for Nova Scotia audiences as she goes on a Mother's Day tour of the province over the next five days.

"I had the chance to fi-

nally put them out on CD, and it is great to see the reactions, because the songs bring back a lot of memories for other folks as well — and a lot of memories for me," said MacNeil.

Those memories include singing *Green Green Grass Of Home* to her mother in 1972. At the time, her mother was ill in the hospital with cancer. It was images of that day that came back to MacNeil when she was in the studio recording the song.

"Cancer eventually took her life," said the Juno



Rita MacNeil

details

» What: Rita MacNeil's Mother's Day Concert
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winner. "She dearly loved that song, so it was a song on the top of my list to put on the CD."

Life inspired art in Edna

HER OWN experiences accidentally injuring an older woman inspired Heather Houston's short film *Running Into Edna*.

"I did actually help her out a bit with a little house-cleaning and with her home," said Houston, who didn't go into detail. "Everything is alive and well."

Her short 30-minute film is premiering on CBC Television at 7 p.m. tonight as part of the network's special spring programming during the Stanley

Cup playoffs.

Starring Stacy Smith, Deborah Allen and Nigel Bennett, the film is about a young woman, Amanda Darling, who backs over an elderly woman's ankle. She then tries to help the woman, Edna, by redecorating her apartment.

"I met the director, Scott Simpson, and he sat with me and developed the characters," she said. "I took something that was part of my life, and turned it into a script." DEAN LISK/METRO HALIFAX



Stacy Smith, left, plays Amanda Darling and Deborah Allen plays Edna in the film, *Running Into Edna*.

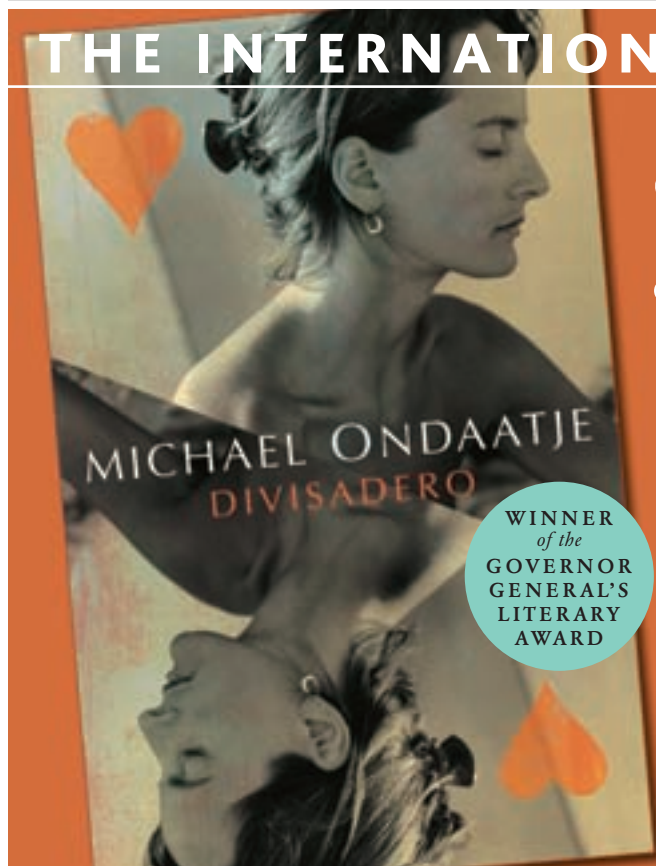
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Fantasy comes to the Rebecca Cohn

PLAY The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Nova Scotia newest production, *Iolanthe* is the story of Strephon, a half-human half-fairy shepherd who is in love with a woman named Phyllis.

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BIG LEAGUES: The Beat of Halifax with Z103 on Friday. 4 Forest Hills.

BUBBLES MANISONBUBBLES MANSION: DJ Savory on Friday, 10 p.m. \$4. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday, 10 p.m. \$5. 5287 Prince St.

CELTIC CORNER: Men With Issues on Friday and Saturday. Glenn Graham on Sunday. 69 Alderney Dr.

CHEERS: Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. Ten Mile House on Friday and Saturday. DJ Stickboy on Sunday. 1743 Grafton St.

COACH'S PUB: DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

DAVE DOLITTLES:DAVE DOLITTLES: Karaoke with Mike Gough on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

THE DOME: DJ Doug Phresh on Fridays. World dance party on Saturdays. 1663 Argyle St.

DR. SHARP'S: Dave Kerr and Richard Wile on Saturday, 7 p.m. 961 Bedford Hwy.

DUTCHIE'S PUB: Jimmy Ralph on Friday, 8 p.m. Jeff Bonang and friends on Sundays, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

ECONOMY SHOE SHOP: Clas Larsson Quartet on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

EMBASSY: House and trance on Friday. Top 40 and R & B on Saturday. 1661 Argyle St.

THE FIFE AND DRUM: Clam Chowder on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.

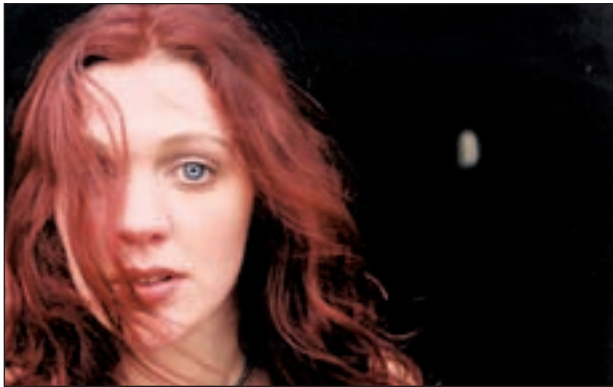
FINBAR'S: Tim Bowers on Friday. Dave Carmichael on Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.

THE FOGGY GOOGLE: Kevin Mac on Saturday. 1667 Argyle St.

THE FRIGATE: The Fear, Janus, Sun's Omen and Synesthesia on Sunday, 7 p.m. \$5. 1582 Granville St.

GINGER'S: The Lodge, Todd Michalik and Lonnie James on Saturday, 10 p.m. \$5. 1662 Barrington St.

GUS' PUB: Blank Stares, Magnus Haze, Andrew Hunter and



Singer-songwriter Amelia Curran performs with Norma MacDonald and Dan Ledwell tonight at Ginger's Tavern.

the Gatherers on Friday. Halcyon, Fed Pennies, Aquestry on Saturday, 10 p.m. \$5. Ab Irato, Rockstorm and Get Wrecked on Sunday. 2605 Agricola St.

THE HARBOURFRONT ROOM: Barnacle on Friday and Saturday. Casino Nova Scotia.

HELL'S KITCHEN: Zumbini Circus and Afrissippi on Friday, 10 p.m. \$7. 2037 Gottingen St.

THE JOLLY MUG: Frank Lowe and SideKIXX on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

KEY LARGO'S: DJ IV on Friday. DJ Doc on Saturday. 70 First Lake Dr.

LION'S HEAD TAVERN: Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

LOWER DECK: Shameless on Friday and Saturday. Paul Lamb and Cory Tetford matinee on Friday. Paul Lamb matinee on Saturday. Historic Properties.

MARQUEE CLUB: Biz Marquee with Universal Soul on Saturday, 10 p.m. \$25. 2037 Gottingen St.

MICHAEL'S BAR & GRILL: Laurie the Guy on Thursday and Sunday. 6100 Young St.

MONTES: Forty Fingers on Friday and Saturday. 245 Waverley Rd.

MY SON'S PLACE: Low Rider Band open mic on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.

NENAGH BAR & GRILL: Jaime Fontaine and Paul Tubb on Saturday. 30 Farnham Gate.

NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB: Grover Country on Saturday. 40 Wright Ave.

OAKMOUNT STATION: Pros

vs. Joes karaoke on Saturday. 1717 Bedford Hwy.

O'CARROLL'S: Hawco on Friday and Saturday. Reel East on

Sunday through Thursday. 1860 Upper Water St.

OLD TRIANGLE: John Ferguson & Roger Stone on Friday. Floyd King matinee on Saturday. Jimmy Sweeney and Kevin Roach on Saturday. Reel East on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.

OUR FRIEND'S PUB: Kitchen parties on Monday, 4:30 p.m. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB: DJ Smooth Steve on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturdays. 1721 Brunswick St.

PARKSIDE PUB: Da Rock on Friday and Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

PASSAGE ALE HOUSE: Live

music matinee on Saturday. 36 Government Wharf.

THE PAVILLION: Skate For Cancer Show with Shad, Matthew Johnston, Elephant, Children of Eve, and others on Friday, 6:30 p.m. Free. In This Style, Save September, Sean MacGillvary, and others on Saturday, 6:30 p.m. \$12 and \$15. 5816 Cogswell St.

PEDDLER'S PUB: DJ Mathe-matrix on Friday and Saturday. Granville Mall.

PLAZA NIGHTCLUB: DJ RSSmooth and DJ Loonie Toonez on Friday. DJ Candyman on Saturday. 120 Main St.

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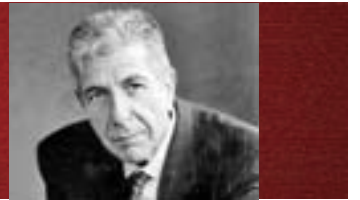


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THE RED FOX: Cody Rose on Friday. Open mic with Maurice Aucoin on Wednesday. Bayers Road Village.

THE RED STAG: High Tide on Friday and Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

REFLECTIONS: The Rejectz and guests on Friday. DJ HedFones on Saturday. Diva Dance Night on Sunday. 5184 Sackville Street

RODEO LOUNGE: Ryan Cook matinee on Friday. Gordie Dug-

gan Band on Friday and Saturday. Montana on Sunday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

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TRIBECA: The Metric System on Sunday. 1588 Granville St.

WINSTON'S: The Mudmen on Friday and Saturday. 278 Laceywood Dr.



Neptune Theatre's brassy show *The Producers: A New Mel Brooks Musical* continues through June 1. Tickets start at \$15. Call 429-7070.



galleries

ANNA LEONOWENS: Works by Aleyah Soloman. Through May 10. Works by Alexander van Helvoort and Lindsey Nolan. Through May 17. 5163 Duke St.

ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA: Arena: The Art of Hockey. Through June 8. 1723 Hollis St.

ART-PORT GALLERY: Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

CORRIDOR GALLERY: Portraits And The Sea. 1113 Marginal Rd.

CRAIG GALLERY: From Here, new paintings by various artists. Through May 25. 30. Alderney Landing.

EYELEVEL GALLERY: If It Ain't Funny, It Ain't Art. Through June 7. 2063 Gottingen St.

FRED GALLERY: Art Off The Map, works by local artists. Through May 25. 2606 Agricola

St. **GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE:** New paintings by Jonathan Johnson. Through May 16. 1869 Granville St.

HYDROSTONE GALLERY: Group Show: Beginnings. Through May 11. 5519 Young St.

THE KYBER: Michael McCormack: SAGSRI Forum. Through May 15. 1588 Barrington St.

MARY E. BLACK GALLERY: Devastus Rememorari through May 25. 1061 Marginal Rd.

MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY: Chemistry, curated by Ingrid Jenkner. Through May 25. 166 Bedford Hwy.

PAINTER'S PALETTE: Works by local painters. Dresden Row Market.

THE PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY: Showing The Artists Of Creative Spirit East. Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.

QUEEN STREET STUDIO: Jan Gillespie. Through May 14. 50 Queen St.

STUJO 21 FINE ART: Works by Stephen Hutchings and Alex Livingston. Through May 7. 1223 Lower Water St.

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY: Burrow/Terrier, work by four artists. Through June 15. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

SECOND GALLERY: As Memory Fades, works by Rose Adams. Through May 10. 6301 Quinpool Rd.

SEEDS GALLERY: Masked. Through May 10. 1892 Hollis St.

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ZWICKER'S GALLERY: E. Nancy Stevens: The Shape and Colour of Memory. Through May 9. 5415 Doyle St.



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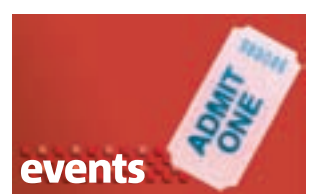
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events

CASINO NOVA SCOTIA: Bill Cosby on May 23. For tickets call 451-1221.

CUNARD CENTRE: Queens of the Stone Age on May 13. Call 451-1221 or visit www.ticketatlantic.com.

DALHOUSIE ARTS CENTRE: Live Art Dance presents Ted Robinson. May 15 through 17. Mocean Dance presents Given The Circumstances. May 22 through 24. Sir James Dunn Theatre, 6101 University Ave.

HALIFAX METRO CENTRE: Bob Dylan on May 21. Daniel O'Donnell on May 30. Call 451-1221. 1800 Argyle St.

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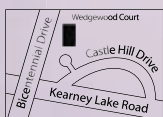
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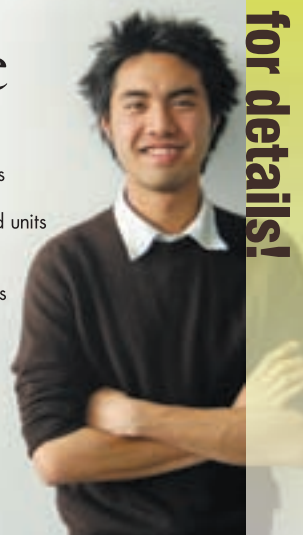


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Star snaps back



Star Jones is speaking out against broadcast journalist Barbara Walters for including her in her new memoir, *Audition*, [usmagazine.com](#) reports.

In the book, Walters claims Jones forced her to lie about her gastric bypass surgery on the talk show *The View*. Walters also reveals she had an affair with then-married Sen. Edward Brooke during the 1970s.

Jones has something to say about it.

"It is a sad day when an icon like Barbara Walters, in the sunset of her life, is reduced to publicly branding herself as an adulterer, humiliating an innocent family with accounts of her illicit affair and speaking negatively against me all for the sake of selling a book," Jones says. "It speaks to her true character." [Metro News Services](#)

Mariah opens up about marriage

Singer Mariah Carey has confirmed she has tied the knot with actor Nick Cannon, [BBC News Online](#) reports.

"We really do feel we are soulmates — I never felt a love like this was in the cards for me," the 38-year-old told *People* magazine.

Carey confirmed the pair married on April 30 in the Bahamas following a two-month romance.

The pop diva met Cannon, 27, while shooting the music video for her single *Bye Bye*.

"It was a love-at-first-sight thing. Since we've been together, we've been inseparable," Cannon said.

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Amy free on bail

Singer Amy Winehouse has been released on bail after being arrested on suspicion of drug offences, [BBC News Online](#) reports.

The 24-year-old was held after police were handed a video that allegedly showed her taking drugs.

A Metropolitan Police spokesman said the arrest was in connection with a video of the star passed to the force in January this year.

On Jan. 22, *The Sun* newspaper published pictures allegedly showing the star smoking crack cocaine. [Metro News Services](#)

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Heigl to leave Grey's?

Katherine Heigl is considering leaving the hit TV show *Grey's Anatomy* to concentrate on her film career, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

Heigl, who has found success in the comedies *Knocked Up* and *27 Dresses*, is said to be keen to end her contract with the medical drama to focus entirely on movies.

"She's working really long hours and is ready to move on," a source close to the actress said.

However, Heigl may be locked into her contract and will have to continue starring as Dr. Isobel Stevens.

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Minnie drops dad hint

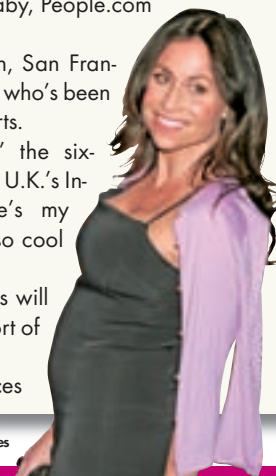
Minnie Driver is breaking her silence — sort of — when it comes to the father of her baby, [People.com](#) reports.

First off, it's not the man, San Francisco musician Craig Zolezzi, who's been named in several press reports.

"Craig's not the dad!" the six-months-pregnant star told the U.K.'s *Independent* yesterday. "He's my great friend and he's been so cool about it."

So who is it? The actress will only say he's English and "sort of in the same business."

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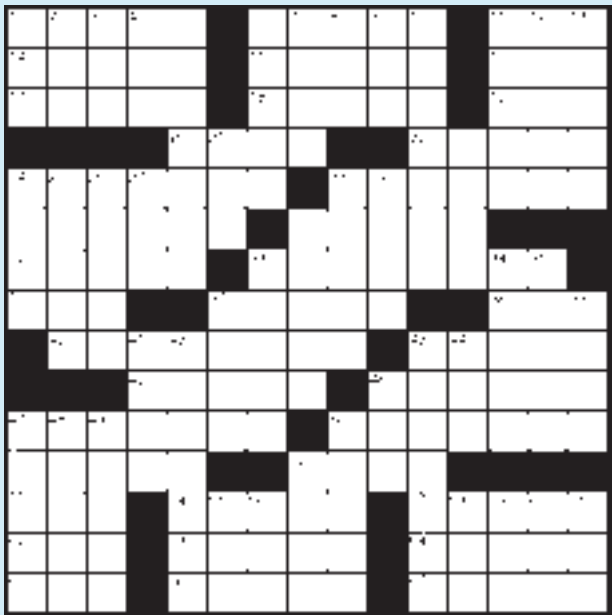
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Term of endearment
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Kind of system
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Sorority letter
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Impudently
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Bedtime treat
- 7

“One For My Baby” singer
- 8

Jackie’s tycoon
- 9

Family mem.
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Shoal
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Element no. 5
- 12

Skip a syllable
- 13

Margins
- 21

Malt beverage
- 23

Smoke detector output
- 24

Boxer’s weapon
- 25

Take the lid off
- 26

Famed orca
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Folk-song mule
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Boat crane
- 29

Pentathlon event
- 31

— Lee Lewis
- 33

Looks at the headlines
- 34

Onetime QB for Denver
- 35

Muralist —Rivera
- 37

Ranch segment
- 39

Blissful spot
- 41

Climb up a pole
- 42

Headaches
- 43

Wasps
- 44

Miscalculate
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Way off
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Surprise
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Pocket change
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Coal strata
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Farm babies
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Gentle
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In the past
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Half a bikini
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Ran into
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MacGraw of films
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Feverish
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Soap ingredient

across»

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Thick, flat pieces
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Hairy insect
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Sorenstam rival
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- 16

Vintage
- 17

Cubbyholes
- 18

Edible bulb
- 19

Big truck
- 20

First name in cheesecake
- 22

Vacuum tube
- 24

Fretfully
- 28

Prepares fish
- 30

Take a sniff
- 31

Bonsai’s land
- 32

Rough like a snake
- 33

Inside-out
- 36

Beret cousin
- 37

Cliffside abode
- 38

Misstate
- 40

Vendor’s vehicle
- 43

Wielded an axe
- 45

Strong and tough
- 46

Rummage for food
- 47

Recommends
- 50

Type of luggage (hyph.)
- 51

Demeanors
- 52

New day, briefly
- 53

“— — seeing things?”
- 54

Brand name
- 57

Spam, maybe (hyph.)
- 62

Koan discipline
- 63

Majestic wader
- 64

Savalas of “Kojak”
- 65

Lisper’s problem
- 66

Drenches
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Pasture entrance

previous answer



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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

- Under 13 minutes

13-17 minutes

17-21

21-25

More than 25
- Genius

Scholar

Smart

Pretty good

Keep practising

previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Snobbery will get you in trouble. A search is undertaken to find lost objects. Try to be more predictable with other people.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

A time-consuming job is closer to completion. A pest faces his own worst enemy. Disorientation results from comments being made.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Enlightenment arrives when you admit an error. A desire will come out in the open. A workplace cheerleader demands commitment.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

Childhood will make for a heated conversation. An insomniac wants help in getting tired. Unravel snarled messages before noon.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Work with dedication and the boss will perk up. Your leadership qualities are being boosted. Whispers will travel quickly.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

All regrets will be forgotten in a blaze of glory. Too much has been taken for granted. Resist the temptation to tell a secret.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A fantasy about the future can be actualized. Someone doesn't understand your reasons. Don't allow harsh words to slip out.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Pay attention to silly complaints now. You'll have to give something to a rude person. People are charmed by your strengths.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

There's a unique chance to improve a situation. People know that you have a secret. Uncertainty gets you into difficulties.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A love affair is on its last legs. Hold your head high in the face of criticism. Keep to yourself if you're sure of a secret objective.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

An admiring helper is in public view. Being detached takes a personal effort. Bide your time, because better days are coming.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

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Afternoon



Variable.
15°

Tonight



Cloudy.
5°

Saturday



Rain.
8° / 4°

Sunday



Rain.
7° / 5°

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Monday



Showers.
8° / 5°

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